



BASS TAPS

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President's Line

by Jim Drost

Great to be back on the water... LIB opened the 2009 fishing season with the Squantz Pond Benefit Tournament. The water level was low, which made launching the boats somewhat of a chore...but the anglers prevailed.

1st place Ray Carmen & Dave Cangro aka team Cargo 14lbs 10 oz

2nd place Anthony Falzone & Dave Stoner aka team Stozone 14lbs 1 oz

3rd place Jay Stiklickas & George Kowalinski aka team Sticklinski 14 lbs

Thanks to all the anglers who participated in the tournament for their support for the Lake Ronkonkoma fishing stocking program.

Belmont lake was huge success thanks to all the LIB members who participated ... please see Belmont Lake article written by Steve Socko. Right behind one success comes another ... the Candlewood Open maxed out again this year thanks to all the LIB members who took it over the top ... please see Candlewood Open article written by Jay Stiklickas. Okay on to the points qualifiers... May will see LIB visit Candlewood, East twin and Zoar..

Also a friendly reminder to all members ... the partner draw for Blydenburg(June 7th) will be conducted at the May 14th general meeting (ref. rule # 32) as outlined in the tournament packet.

The annual Earl Glasshagel charity tournament for the " Make A Wish Foundation" is less than sixty days away.

This is our biggest community event we do for the year. Only you the members of LIB can make it an outstanding event. Economics drives the train ... I know it's a tough year for everyone, from vendors to the anglers ... but I ask you to make your commitment early this year. Our tournament director Mike Erbis needs to get the entry fees. (\$100.00 cash) collected by June 15th... so please contact Mike with your intentions. Moving right along ... While on the subject of the " EARL " I would like to convey to the anglers who will participate in this years event some encouragement. Along with our post tournament Bar-B-Que we will have our raffles & auction.

I have put together nine mystery boxes that contain over \$50 dollars worth of merchandise... that will be raffled off. Let me give you a sneak preview into the boxes. Autographed hats from the likes of Denny Brauer, George Cochran and Forrest L Woods. There's much more ... but you have to buy raffle tickets to get a chance to peek ... Along with the raffles we will have auctions again this year.

Randy Howell again this year has donated some items ... So LIB has the making of another great day on Forge. Fishing, BBQ and a chance to win some top notch gear ... oh! almost forgot ... we got anglers bags with merchandise again this year ... so give Mike a shout and get on the entry list ... remember there is a 30 boat limit ...

At the conclusion of the May general meeting there will be a " Tackle Swap Meet "... so if you have some fishing tackle you want to sell, trade or giveaway, now is the time. I ask everyone to please leave your items in your vehicle till after the conclusion of the meeting.

See you on the water...be safe
Jim



Kid's Fishing Derby
June 21st
8 AM - 12 NOON
(Father's Day)

PLECO at Forge Pond, Peconic River
PRIZES • TROPHIES • ICE CREAM

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Days at 516-674-8500

Evening 631-928-1432

***Members, friends, relatives and
all kids are welcome!***

Spring Fishing at Belmont

The Region 1 Fisheries Unit held their Annual Spring Fishing Festival at Belmont Lake State Park on Saturday, April 18th, 2009. As in the past, the DEC has acknowledged that the success of this I Fish NY free fishing event is dependent upon the cooperation of the state park's staff and volunteers from various organizations, including The Long Island Bassmasters.

Luckily, on the day of the event we were blessed with warm spring weather, and with everyone having a case of "spring fever" we had a large turnout. In fact, the 400 loaner rods made available by the DEC were snapped up in just the first 30 minutes. The volunteers assigned to rod repair were kept busy all day long, where as soon as rod was fixed, it went out to eager waiting hands.

Last year's festival attendance was somewhere around 5,600 people, which would most likely have been surpassed this time, but due to a restricted parking lot under construction, the park had to be closed for an hour and a half before parking spaces became available. Even with the closure, there was an estimated 5,200 people at the park.

It is with pride that I can say that the Long Island Bassmasters once again had a very good presence at the event, showing that we are not just a "bunch a guys who fish", but a club with varied interest, amongst which are activities in conservation, education and a dedication to the protection and continuance of the sport with love.

I would like to thank; Rob Herbst, Joe Blunden, Tom Logiudice, Eric Latremore, John Ospitale, Mike Berkowitz and George Calandrino all for lending a hand at this event.

Sincerely, Steve Socko

License Fee Schedule Information

(see following 2 pages)

I have attached the license fee schedule for this year and next that I copied from the enabling legislation. You should pay close attention to the fee structure in deciding when to purchase your lifetime license. For instance, you can buy a lifetime fishing license now for \$350, but it will not cover Marine next year, so you will have to buy a \$150 lifetime marine license next year. If you wait until next year the lifetime fishing license will be \$460, but the lifetime combination marine and freshwater fishing license will be \$450 (go figure?). If you are a hunter the lifetime sportsman license is \$600 now and will be \$765 without Marine privileges next year, so it would be worth your while to buy the lifetime sportsman this year and the lifetime marine next year. If you know anyone between 65 and 70, you should encourage them to buy their lifetime senior license for \$50 this year because starting October 1, they will no longer be eligible for the \$50 senior license nor the \$65 lifetime senior license until they turn 70. I hope that this helps. If you have any other questions, let me know.

Chart

Chart Guthrie, Regional Fisheries Manager
NYSDEC, Region 1

Sporting License Fee Schedule

<u>License Type</u>	<u>License Year</u>	
	2008/09	2009/10
<u>Resident License Fees</u>		
Super-sportsman	\$68.00	\$88.00
TRAPPER SUPER-SPORTSMAN*	NA	\$88.00
Sportsman	\$37.00	\$47.00
Small and big game	\$19.00	\$29.00
Fishing	\$19.00	\$29.00
Trapping	\$16.00	\$21.00
Small game	\$16.00	\$26.00
Junior trapping	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Muzzle-loading stamp	\$16.00	\$21.00
Bowhunting stamp	\$16.00	\$21.00
Turkey permit	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Seven-day fishing	\$12.00	\$15.00
Conservation legacy	\$76.00	\$96.00
Senior Fishing, Hunting or Sportsman	\$5.00**	\$5.00**
ONE-DAY FISHING	NA	\$ 5.00
RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING	NA	\$10.00
SEVEN-DAY RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING	NA	\$ 8.00
ONE-DAY RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING	NA	\$ 4.00
<u>Non-Resident License Fees</u>		
Big game	\$110.00	\$140.00
Small game	\$ 55.00	\$85.00
Fishing	\$ 40.00	\$70.00
Seven-day fishing	\$ 25.00	\$35.00
Trapping	\$255.00	\$310.00
Super-sportsman	\$250.00	\$280.00
Bowhunting	\$110.00	\$140.00
Muzzle-loading	\$110.00	\$140.00
Bear tag	\$ 30.00	\$50.00
Turkey permit	\$ 30.00	\$50.00
ONE-DAY FISHING	NA	\$15.00
RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING	NA	\$15.00
SEVEN-DAY RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING	NA	\$10.00
ONE-DAY RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING	NA	\$ 5.00

* ALL CAPITALS INDICATES NEW LICENSE TYPE

** Beginning with the 2009/10 License year eligibility for Senior License increases from Age 65 to Age 70.

Lifetime Sporting License Fee Schedule
(available to NYS Residents ONLY)

<u>License Type</u>	<u>License Year</u>	
	2008/09	2009/10
<u>Lifetime Licenses</u>		
Lifetime sportsman license and turkey permit.		
If purchased, for a child:		
four years of age or younger	\$300.00	\$380.00
five through eleven years of age	\$420.00	\$535.00
For a person age twelve through SIXTY-NINE years of age	\$600.00***	\$765.00
For a person age SEVENTY and over.	\$ 50.00***	\$65.00
Lifetime small and big game license.	\$350.00	\$535.00
Lifetime fishing license		
FOR A PERSON AGE:		
SIXTY-NINE OR YOUNGER.	\$350.00***	\$460.00
SEVENTY AND OVER.	\$50.00***	\$ 65.00
Lifetime trapping license.	\$300.00	\$395.00
Lifetime archery stamp.	\$180.00	\$235.00
Lifetime muzzle- loading stamp.	\$180.00	\$235.00
LIFETIME RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING LICENSE.	NA	\$150.00
LIFETIME COMBINATION FISHING AND RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING LICENSE.	NA	\$450.00

***** In License Year 2009/10 the eligibility for the purchase of a Senior Lifetime License is age 65. For License year 2010/11 the age of eligibility increases to age 70.**

The Candlewood Open

“Six Man Team Benefit Tournament”

The April 25th Candlewood Lake open was a huge success. We had a full field of anglers and had to turn others away. We had five positions to payout (ten percent of the field) plus lunker.

The parking lot was close to maximum capacity. Lattin's Cove was closed and we had to start double parking trailers. Thank you to all those that helped make this our best Open to date. Thanks goes out to George Kowalinski, Mitchell Bernstein, Robin Calitri, Peter Byrnes, Ken Dreyer, Brendan Cucinello, Brendan's Rider, Joe Contrino, Evan Refrik and Vinny Smadrell, Anthony Falzone, and his rider Jason Garcia, Brian Waller and Joe Russo. We still could have used more helping hands, but made due with our members that came out. I also give special thanks to Dan McGarry and Steve Socco for the mailings and correspondence.

The day went well with morning temperatures in the upper 50's. By the end of the tournament the temperature was well in the 80's. We started the day with water temperatures ranging from 51 to 56 plus degrees. There was little wind at the start of the tournament, but picked up considerably throughout the day. The water table was down considerably which caused the closing of Lattin's Cove. There was another tournament scheduled to go out at of Squantz Cove at the same time as ours, but luckily it was cancelled.

We did the best we could to get all the boats off the street and into the lot. Most of the boats waited for daylight to come up before they attempted to put down which caused a backflow of trailers in the lot. I am putting together a suggestion sheet to hopefully eliminate this and other small problems for next year so that all who attend will start off on a high note and give us praise for a tournament well handled. Once again thank you to all who helped.

1st Place was awarded to Tom Reynolds / Dave Malorano for a total weight of 29.89 Lbs.

2nd Place was awarded to C. Hall / D. Hall for a total weight of 27.68 Lbs.

3rd Place was awarded to Justin Perelli / Aaron Perelli for a total weight of 27.17 Lbs.

4th Place was awarded to J.DeLorenzo / L. Musto for a total weight of 26.06

5th Place was awarded to Mike Keller / Wally Peer for a total weight of 25.72

Member At Large.
Jay Stiklickas

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We had one member return this month:

Vinny Visco

182 Woodlawn Ave., Ronkonkoma 11779

631-585-0884, Boater

wife Colleen, occup NYS DOT Drawbridge operator.

We also had a new member join LIB via E-mail:

Ed Johnson

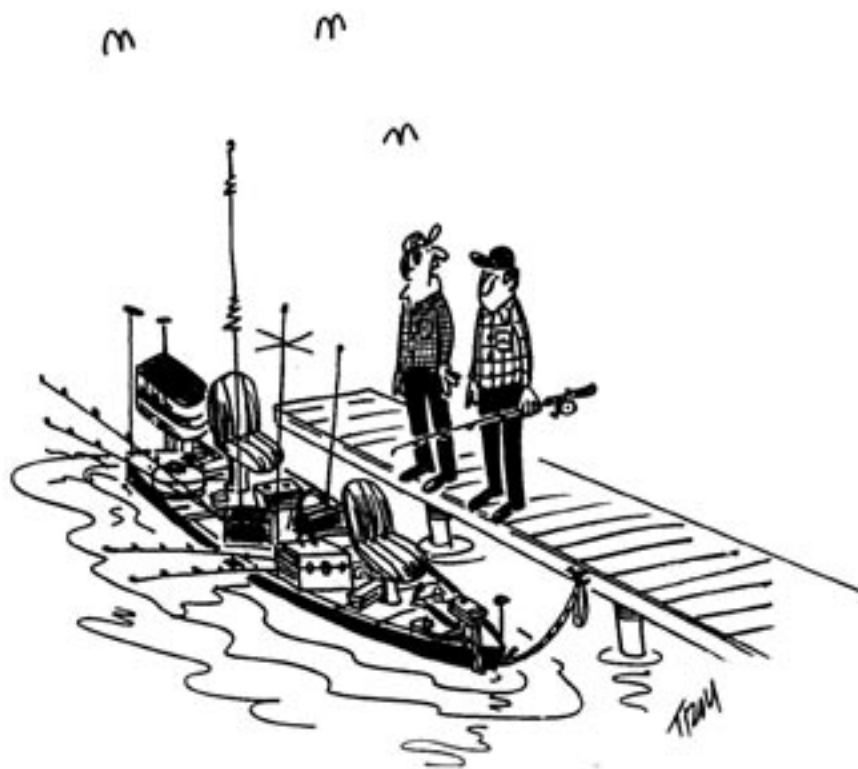
219 Saw Creek East., Bushkill, PA 18324-9410

Home phone 517-588-9093, Cell 347-406-2944

non-boater, e-mail end1101@msn.com

wife Debbie, occup carpenter

Ed is a friend of member Arnie Refvikand will be an out of state member.



"We can't get in—it'll sink."

Andy's Corner

The Long Island Bassmasters meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 8:00 pm at the VFW Post 9486, William Francis Taylor Post, 55 Lake Shore Road, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779, (631) 467-6686. All material for publication in the BASS TAPS must be submitted by the 3rd Sunday of the month to Charlie Kick: E-mail: chasme1@optonline.net.

Club Awards: National Federation Bass Chapter of the Year 1982 • Public Relations Chapter of the Year, Eastern Division 1987 • Conservation Award NY State Federation 2003 • Chapter of the Year NY State Federation 2005 • Conservation Award NY State Federation 2008. Prospective Members Welcome!